



Living in an abusive household or relationship is a painful and isolating existence. It is difficult enough living a parallel life when you have family and friends there to offer support. However, imagine living in another country, with different customs and cultural norms, suffering everyday in horrific silence without having anywhere to turn. There is no one to talk to and you have no idea about how to navigate through an unfamiliar system in order to get the help and resources that you so desperately need.

Abuse is **NEVER** okay!

- In **Europe**, domestic violence is the major cause of death and disability for women aged 16 to 44.
- In the **United States**, a woman is raped every 6 minutes; a woman is battered every 15 seconds.
- Nearly three out of four (74%) of Americans personally know someone who is or has been a victim of domestic violence.
- Women accounted for 85% of the victims of intimate partner violence, **men accounted for approximately 15%.**
- The health-related costs of rape, physical assault, stalking, and homicide by intimate partners exceed \$5.8 billion each year.
- 60% of senior executives said that domestic violence has a harmful effect on their company's productivity.

The **American Domestic Violence Crisis Line (ADVCL)**, in collaboration with the Ending Violence Against Women & Children Committee of the **Federation of American Women Clubs Overseas (FAWCO)**, invites you to participate in a Volunteer Outreach Ambassador Training Program. There will be a general informational presentation in the morning, and a training session for prospective volunteer ambassadors in the afternoon.

The goal of this program is twofold: first, to educate all participants on issues of domestic violence and the services that the ADVCL provides to American domestic violence victims living in foreign countries, and, second, to train ambassadors to raise awareness of domestic violence issues and ADVCL in their host countries by speaking to local women's organizations, women's shelters, international schools and other groups.

An Informational Session and Training will be held in Frankfurt

Saturday morning, October 24' 2009

Sessions and materials will be free of charge. Lunch will be provided for a small fee.

Online pre-registration is required for all participants; please visit **www.866uswomen.org** and select "European Information & Training Sessions"



AWCT CARES is organizing this Frankfurt Workshop. Contact a CARES member for more information at www.awctaunus.org

